

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1849

March 11, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Repeals current statutes authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue vegetation control permits to owners of outdoor advertising. Requires all vegetation removal to be done by TDOT or its agents and makes it a Class A misdemeanor for any other person to cut or remove vegetation in a state highway right-of-way.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - \$27,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Department of Transportation will no longer be authorized to collect fees from permits for vegetation control.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director